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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Satoshi NISHIKAWA, et al.)	Examiner: R. Patterson
Appln. No.: 09/986,556)	Group Art Unit: 2622
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Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Sir:

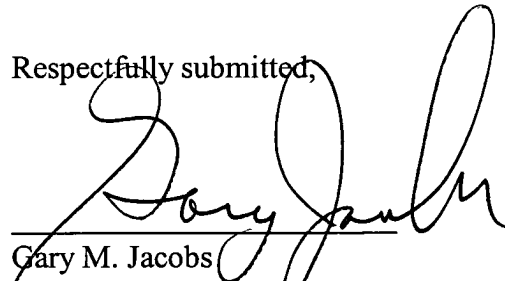
The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, accompanying the November 18, 2005 Notice of Allowance, states that "The prior art fails to anticipate or render obvious: first determination means for checking if the total number of pages of print data is not less than n; first imposing process means for, when said first determination processing means determines that the total number of pages of print data is not less than n, executing a first imposing process of cover pages; bookbinding imposing processing means for executing a bookbinding imposing process of the remaining pages after the process of said first imposing processing means; and second imposing processing means for, when said first determination processing means

determines that the total number of pages of print data is less than n, executing a second imposing process of less than n cover pages.”

But, independent Claims 6, 11 and 16 do not recite such first determination means, first imposing process means, bookbinding imposing processing means, and second imposing processing means. Nevertheless, these claims are allowable for the unique combination of features recited therein.

Applicants’ undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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